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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SERNA ET AL.

Examiner

Pablo N. Tran

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 April 2007.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

2. Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Leroy et al. (EP1071296A1).

As per claims 1, 11, and 15, Leroy et al. disclosed a method of forwarding a data packet to a connection-oriented network, comprising the steps of broadcasting said data packet from a routing device to a plurality of access devices of a connection-oriented network using a broadcast address, checking at each of said plurality of access devices whether a multicast destination address of said data packet is supported, and forwarding said data packet from a supporting one of said plurality of access devices to said multicast destination address [0004-0006, 0012-0015, 0021-0024, 0031-0034].

As per claim 2, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said broadcast address is predefined [0031].

As per claim 3, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said connection-oriented network is a cellular network (fig. 1).

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As per claim 4, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said data packet is an IP data Packet (abstract, fig. 1).

As per claims 5, 7, and 13, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said multicast destination address is a network-layer address and said broadcast address is a link-layer address [0031-0034].

As per claim 6, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said access devices store mappings between supported destination addresses and their link-layer addresses [0031-0034].

As per claim 8, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said destination address is an address of a mobile node [0031-0034].

As per claim 9, Leroy et al. disclosed of encapsulating said data packet into a link-layer frame comprising said broadcast address [0031-0034].

As per claims 10 and 12, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said access devices discard or drop said data packet if they don't support said multicast destination address [0031-0034].

As per claim 14, Leroy et al. disclosed wherein said access device comprises a cellular access point (fig. 1/item SGSN1...SGSNN).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments filed 04/24/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The Applicant's stated that "Leroy does not teach or suggest the steps of checking at each of said plurality of access devices whether a multicast

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destination address of said data packet is supported, and forwarding said data packet from a supporting one of said plurality of access devices to said multicast destination address". In response to the Applicant, Leroy teaches that each mobile stations (fig. 1/no. MS1..MS6, 0031) registered with an access point (fig. 1/item SGSN1...SGSNN), wherein the broadcast data packet is forward only to the destination multi-cast address of the mobile station that is support by the particular access point that the mobile station is registered with (0031-0034, especially col. 10/ln. 4-30) in order to reduce bandwidth.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pablo Tran whose telephone number is

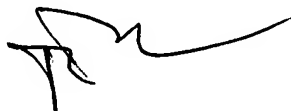
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(571)272-7898. The examiner normal hours are 9:30 -5:00 (Monday-Friday). If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571)272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

5. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-directauspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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